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Steve Lorenz: Former president of the Gospel Music Association and artist manager.

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Lebanon Valley College is sticking to its guns and will not follow the example set by several state-related universities that permit guns on their campuses.

"We (Lebanon Valley College) are against guns being permitted on campus. I do not ever see a time in which students will be allowed to carry guns on this campus," says LVC President Lewis E. Thayne. "Furthermore, as a private college, we are able to set up rules for our community, and our community is based on not having guns on campus. This includes our campus safety."

Unlike the 14 state-owned universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PSSHE), LVC is a private institution that can set its own standards for firearms.

Within restrictions that include being generally banned from school buildings and athletic events, guns are permitted at Shippensburg, Millersville, Slippery Rock, Edinboro, Lock Haven, and California Universities. An uproar ensued when Kutztown University adopted a similar policy. Guns on those campuses can be carried in open areas and streets.

Gun rights' advocates have cited shooting tragedies such

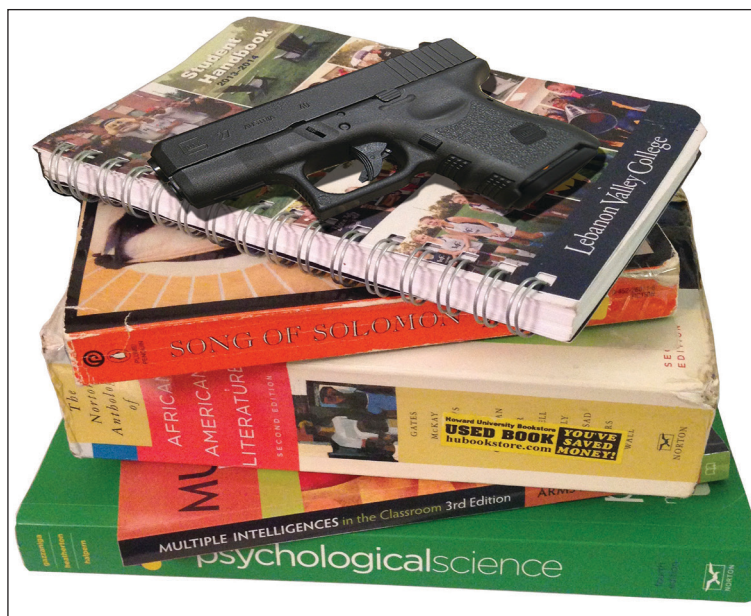


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as the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, CT; the cinema rampage in Aurora, CO; and the killings at Virginia Tech and other incidents at malls and office buildings as examples of incidents in which an armed response would have reduced the number of casualties.

Carolyn Hanes, Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, doesn't quite see it that way. "College campuses should not be armed camps where accidents, suicides, or inflamed passions can be exacerbated by the ready availability of guns. Arming the college population is likely to result in more, rather than less, violence on campus," says Hanes.

Dr. Gary Grieve-Carlson,

Professor of English, says allowing guns on campus does not equate to a safe environment. "I'm opposed to allowing guns on campus, and would be more fearful if they were allowed on campus," says Grieve-Carlson. "I think it would hurt relationships — if, in the back of my mind, I'm wondering whether someone is carrying a loaded gun while I'm interacting with that person, that doesn't contribute to a relaxed, open exchange of ideas."

While saying he is not opposed to guns, Greg Krikorian, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, says that weapons have no place on college campuses. "In general, I am not opposed to guns. They have a place in society as long as they are appropriately taken

Student Opinions on Having Guns on Campus

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Lebanon Valley College's 1,689 students were given the opportunity to weigh in on the question: "Should students, faculty and staff be permitted to carry firearms on campus?"

With a little more than 25 percent (434) of LVC students responding to the survey, 72.8 percent answered no, while 27.4 percent said yes.

"On one hand, I think it would be beneficial in case there ever was an emergency. However, I feel that by allowing firearms on campus, we open up the possibility for things to go wrong. By not allowing them on campus, we are not eliminating all possibilities for something to happen, but we are certainly decreasing the chances," one student observed.

In answering yes, one student commented: "I grew up with firearms in the house and hunting is a way of life in my family. If children grow up respecting and knowing how to properly use the firearms I feel they will use them only in case of emergency or for protection. My children will grow up with firearms in my home and will learn how to use them and respect them at a young age."

When asked, "Would you feel safer if students, faculty, and staff were permitted to carry weapons of campus?" 76.7 percent of respondents said no, while 23.2

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NEWS

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answered yes.

“I understand the rights to carrying a firearm, but I personally would not feel any extra sense of security on campus. In fact, I believe I would feel more on edge. Accidents can happen when carrying firearms, so I think it’s best to keep those accidents off of LVC’s campus,” one student said.

However, when asked, “Are you aware of the step-by-step procedures on what to do if there were an active shooter on campus or in a campus building?” an alarming 81.8 percent (355 of the 434 participating in the survey) said no. Only 79 students or 18.2 percent said yes.

A student wrote: “I believe that faculty and staff should be able to carry firearms, so that in case of emergency they are ready to protect the lives of students and staff. I do not particularly think that students need to carry firearms, especially while in class or walking around campus. I do think that students should have to undertake self-defense classes as part of a course. Also, I wish the school would send out detailed instructions regarding what to do if there was a shooter or serious threat on campus.”

Another student wrote: “I think all students should be aware of what to do if there is an active shooter on campus because I have no idea how to handle that situation.”

Here’s a sampling of student survey comments:

“My great-uncle was a cop, and his pistol was in his closet with the safety on when he was going down the stairs and it went off. He ended up dying in his mother’s arms right there. Guns should be left at home and be locked separated from ammo,

not casually left in a dorm room where they can either go off, or be stolen and used to kill/hurt someone.

“Besides, why would you NEED a gun on campus except to either compensate for something or to hurt people? I am not against the private ownership of guns. I am against guns being allowed in public places outside a range or hunting scenario.”

“Are you insane? Emotionally unstable people with guns ... cheating boyfriends would be shot dead by jealous girlfriends ... dangerous!”

“Knowing some of the students on campus, I would not feel at all safe if firearms were allowed. There are too many idiots who wouldn’t take them seriously. I wouldn’t care if public safety had firearms, though (They may already I have no idea).” **NOTE: LVC Public Safety is not armed.**

“I believe that if you can pass the application process, then you should be able to carry a gun. People in today’s society are too afraid of firearms. Grow up people!”

“I would be comfortable if faculty and staff members who are trained and have a permit to carry a firearm have weapons on campus, but I would not be comfortable with students carrying firearms on campus. I would worry about what would happen if a student was drunk and had a weapon.”

“Guns do not kill people; people kill people. Guns are ok as long as people are trained how to properly use them.”

“I feel students who are sportsmen should be able to keep hunting rifles and the like somewhere on campus. Perhaps in a safe room in Public Safety where registered students who filled out paperwork would be able to sign them in and out.

“As a hunter myself, it would be great to have something to that effect so I could just pick my firearm up and be able to leave to go on a weekend hunting trip, which is hard for myself and other students who also hunt and don’t live near campus. Just a thought but interesting survey.”

“Stated in the U.S. Constitution is ‘the right to keep and bear arms.’ So, yes, students and faculty should be permitted to carry guns on campus. If LVC offered training in firearm safety and required students and faculty wishing to carry a gun take the course before permitting them to carry a weapon on campus, then I might feel safer.

“However, we live in a pretty small community, and I don’t see having the option to have a gun on campus making this community safer or less safe.”

“Personally, I wish we lived in a Utopian society where firearms did not exist, but clearly we don’t. We live in a society where evil does exist, so I understand the desire to have protective weapons with you, but carrying weapons also causes more fear of danger; therefore, I think it is best to have licensed security guards on campus instead, whose job is to protect us from harm.”

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CAMPUS
CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

10-27-13 | Railroad Street
Student was found injured and was taken to the hospital.

10-27-13 | Gold Lot
Vehicle's license plate was stolen.

10-27-13 | Miller Chapel
People were stuck in the elevator.

10-28-13 | Marquette
Fire alarm went off.

10-28-13 | Kreiderheim
Uninvited person was on the property; the person was advised and then left.

10-29-13 | Humanities
Door handle was broken.

10-31-13 | Sheridan Avenue
Two non-students were arguing as they walked.

10-31-13 | Summit Street
Facilities Services vehicle accidentally damaged a crosswalk sign at the middle islands.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

Corrections & Clarifications

In the Oct. 30 edition of *La Vie Collegienne*, the authors of the Group Projects article on the Features page wrote that Physical Therapy major Ines Antensteiner is a graduate of LVC, and that she currently works with patients. After communicating with Antensteiner, we want to clarify that she will graduate from LVC in 2015 and from the College's Physical Therapy program in 2017. She also has yet to work with patients as a part of her major. We apologize for any inconvenience.

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: Corrections.

NEWS

Gun Policy: Reasons behind the weapons ban, protocol in case of shooter on campus

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care of and appropriately used, but not on college campuses,” says Krikorian. “I believe this is a place of learning and growth, and one of the keys is safety. I don’t see a link between guns and college campuses.”

Administration opposition to guns on campus has the backing of LVC students. In a campus-wide survey, the College’s 1,689 students were given the opportunity to weigh in on the gun debate. Of the 434 students who participated in the survey, a vast majority — 315 students or 72.58 percent — said no to the question: “Should students, faculty and staff be permitted to carry firearms on campus?” Students answering yes represented 27.42 percent of respondents, or 119 students.

To the question: “Would you feel safer if students, faculty, and staff were permitted to carry weapons on campus?” the response rate was even more lopsided: 333 students (76.73 percent) answered no, compared to 101 students (23.27 percent) saying yes.

“I think the campus should be a gun free zone,” one student commented. Another said, “As a graduate student, I may have a different perspective based on age and life experiences. With that being said, with the Annville Police just blocks from campus, and with the college’s

on-campus security team and safety blue lights, I cannot think of any justification for a firearm to be on campus. Let’s not have a repeat of Virginia Tech.”

The College’s Public Safety personnel are not armed, and Brent Oberholtzer, Director of Public Safety, agrees with the administration’s weapons ban. “Carrying a weapon on campus is not justified in any circumstance. That responsibility lies with our friends at the Annville Township Police Department and other surrounding law enforcement agencies, such as the Pennsylvania State Police.”

Annville Twp. Chief of Police Bernard G. Dugan says arming a college campus is not the answer. “I don’t think it should be a free-for-all in that any student or faculty should walk around campus armed. Law enforcement folks are trained to respond to these situations. We need everyone on campuses and citizens in general to be aware of their surroundings and report suspicious activity.”

How, then, is the campus community prepared to handle the unthinkable: the crack of

gunfire? Of the 434 students who participated in the survey, 81.8 percent are unaware of what to do if there were an active shooter on campus.

Oberholtzer says there is a contingency in place for such

to guide law enforcement’s response to danger. The Public Safety staff has no authority or training to mitigate such a threat. They are to activate the campus siren, communicate with law enforcement, safely usher as many of the campus community to a safe location, and notify the administrator on call who, in turn, will send out an emergency notification using e2campus,” Oberholtzer explains.

According to Oberholtzer, in August Public Safety hosted a “tabletop exercise” in which the topic was an active shooter. The scenario played out from 38 N. College Ave, through the academic quad, and into Lynch Memorial Hall.

For over two hours, Public Safety, campus administrators, members of the Critical Incident Emergency Management Team (CIEMT), Residential Life, Annville Twp. Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, Annville Fire, and Emergency Medical Personnel pored over the

step-by-step details of a response. This was designed to find the best practices and expose weaknesses

in the College’s response plans, Oberholtzer explains.

He says that Public Safety now has a second siren activation radio to assure its availability. Other steps are underway to better prepare the staff. FEMA courses on National Incident Management (NIMS) and Incident Command Structure (ICS) have been taken by the Public Safety staff and recently recommended to the CIEMT.

Krikorian and Oberholtzer have also met with several offices around campus and discussed best practices on awareness and response to situations such as the active shooter. “Run, Hide, Fight” (also on the FEMA and Dept. of Homeland Defense websites) is another course available for anyone.

The Resident Assistant staff has been made aware of the resources available so that this information can be relayed to the students. Students can obtain detailed information on what to do if there were an active shooter by visiting http://www.lvc.edu/emergency-plan/documents/emergency-guidelines_13-14.pdf.

“I am absolutely certain that if guns were allowed on campus that our students would become more fearful,” Thayne says. “In fact, I would become more fearful.”



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“Carrying a weapon on campus is not justified in any circumstance.”

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an incident. “Public Safety’s response to an active shooter is to be the best witness possible

What Gun Policies Do Other Pennsylvania Colleges and Universities Have?

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In January, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PSSHE) may vote to permit students at the 14 state-owned universities to carry concealed firearms in designated areas. If approved by the PSSHE Board of Governors, that policy could become effective in the fall of 2014.

The proposed lifting of the gun ban is the result of lawyers for the state system arguing that the existing complete weapons ban may not hold up under a constitutional challenge and

would make those schools vulnerable to lawsuits.

As reported by The Patriot News and confirmed by PSSHE spokesman Kenn Marshall, the current policy being proposed for the 14-state owned universities would allow weapons in “non-sensitive areas” of campuses such as sidewalks and areas outside buildings, but ban them inside buildings and sporting events and at entertainment, recreational, or educational events. It would allow for some exceptions to the ban for law enforcement, ROTC exercises, and a few other activities.

Under Pennsylvania law, persons 18 years of age or older can purchase and carry a firearm after the weapon has been

registered.

The changes would only apply to state universities within PSSHE and not private institutions, such as Lebanon Valley College, Messiah, and Dickinson, that ban weapons. With the exception of its Public Safety officers, Penn State, Temple, Pitt, and Lincoln University, state-related but not under PSSHE, do not allow firearms on campus. While Messiah prohibits firearms on its campus, it occasionally will make an exception for a weapon, such as a bow, for classroom purposes only.

The 14 PSSHE schools are Bloomsburg, Cheyney, East Stroudsburg, Indiana, Lock Haven, Millersville, Slippery

Rock, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Kutztown, Mansfield, Shippensburg, and West Chester.

Schools that have adopted new gun laws are Shippensburg, Millersville, Slippery Rock, Edinboro, Lock Haven and California and Kutztown.

Millersville and Kutztown University refused to comment when contacted by La Vie Collegienne. Spokespersons said they are not at liberty to discuss the weapons issue and directed all questions to Marshall.

PSSHE is looking for a system of policy. Currently, each university has its own policy, but before any decisions can be made, some universities have special circumstances that need to be taken into consideration.

Shippensburg University, for example, has an elementary school on its campus.

“The gun laws are different for K-12 schools; therefore, consideration needs to be taken when looking at the overall system of policy,” Marshall says.

Pennsylvania is among 23 states that allow individual colleges or universities to decide if they will ban concealed weapons on campus, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Twenty-two states ban concealed weapons and five — Colorado, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah and Wisconsin — allow firearms on public university campuses.

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FEATURES

Residential Life introduces new process for managing room changes

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In an effort to make the process of switching rooms a little easier, Michael Diesner, Director of Residential Life, has developed a more cohesive and centralized system for those students who would like to switch rooms. "The idea is to have a process in place where students can say, 'I'd like the opportunity for a different room or roommate in the spring,' and to make that process as easy as possible," says Diesner.

Although in the past, students have been able to request a room change to Area Coordinators, Diesner was most concerned about creating an actual form. "I wanted to just put something into place where we could make it a little bit easier on everyone and create more of a centralized process," he says.

The newly drafted Spring Semester Relocation/Roommate Request form is now available for students who are looking for a switch. It covers the various scenarios of room changes including relocating dorms, room vacancies, relocating to an open room, and switching rooms. The

form allows Diesner and the four Area Coordinators to collectively consider all student requests. "Administratively, if there are going to be 20 to 30 moves, we will have all of our ducks in a row so that all Area Coordinators and myself are on the same page," says Diesner.

Besides the general room requests of students, Residential Life also has to include the rooming needs of transfer, graduating, and commuting students, as well as students who are studying abroad. As 30 students are returning from Study Abroad, 12 students are leaving for Study Abroad, and six students are graduating this semester, Diesner also has to consider their needs in the mix of room changes.

As a commuter her freshman year, Courtney Royer '14 recalled her experience with changing her living status. Living in Grantville, she had a 20 minute drive to classes every day. Though she didn't necessarily mind the time it took to drive to LVC, she found that driving in the often icy conditions of winter was not worth it.

Deciding that she wanted to live on campus was easy, but she was not sure how to go about signing up

for a room. "By the end of freshman year, I had built up a good group of friends and knew who I wanted to room with," says Royer. "I had no clue how to go about getting a room. One of my friends told me that I had to talk to Jason Kuntz and the process was fairly simple after that. I definitely think that having this centralized form will make it easier not only for commuters who want to switch to on campus living, but for all students looking for a change."

As far as the actual moving out process, Residential Life is still working on possible options. "The idea is, we need to come up with a timeline for the move out's and the move in's, but we are still working out the minor details of that. We have to figure out how to move people out before we move people in," says Diesner. "We may have to do something where, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on January 12, students would move out of their old space. Then from 12:00 p.m. on, everyone can move into their new spaces." Diesner wanted to avoid making students move out completely between semesters.

Ultimately, Residential Life would like everyone who is looking



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to switch or change rooms to fill out a form by Thanksgiving. This will allow the Area Coordinators and Diesner to sit down with all of the forms and work out the room changes they need to make all at once. Students are still free to fill out and submit a form any time they need to, but Diesner would like to have the bulk of the requests submitted at one time so that the Residential Life staff can help as

many students as possible.

If you are looking to switch rooms, applications may be found in the Residential Life Office, located on the lower level of Mund. Additionally, Michael Diesner is open to any questions, suggestions or ideas regarding room changes. You may contact him at diesner@lvc.edu.

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Alumnus Logan Corl '12 credits LVC for his success after college

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College is a journey from which we all hope to gain the change to lead a successful future. We typically wonder where we will be after graduation. Will I have my dream job? Will I move out of state? Will I make enough money to pay off my loans?

Alumnus Logan Corl '12 shares his story about life after graduation.

Corl was quite the overachiever when it came to studies. He graduated from LVC with a B.S. in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration in 2012 and

a B.A. in Economics in 2013. Aside from his school work, Corl participated in intramural basketball and football, Phi Beta Lambda (a business fraternity), Valley Ambassadors, the Accounting Club, ValleyFest, and Phi Kappa Pi (a business honor society).

His time at LVC was certainly no walk in the park, though. "I think my greatest success came from my drive and determination. Venturing out of my comfort zone, I quickly learned I can relate, sympathize, and be cordial with anyone; this greatly helped me improve group synergy when working on team projects," says Corl. "Finally, I learned that my drive to produce

parentally-acceptable grades is limitless when I made up my mind to do so."

With the help of LVC's Job Center, Logan was able to land a successful position at Clark Associates, Inc., in Lancaster, PA, just three short months after graduating from LVC. The company specializes in food-service equipment and supplies. Corl works in its Business Services division as the Accounts Receivable Manager.

Corl gives a sizeable chunk of the credit for his current success to his education at LVC, saying in an email:

"Because LVC prides itself in its small class size, communication skills become an

easily obtainable skill. Working within my division at Clark, in addition to working with clients on a daily basis, the ability with which I'm able to communicate to different personality types greatly increases my efficiency.

"Business classes aid in effectively communicating with all the channels of an organization: customers, suppliers, co-workers, distributors, management, etc.

"But because LVC is a liberal arts school and a wide array of classes are offered, the breadth of knowledge I've gained on many topics will continue to benefit my social communication in years to come.

"My accounting classes left

me the ability to complete my daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly financial reporting in a thorough, analytic, and effective manner, while my economic models help me evaluate clients' and co-workers' incentives, as well as modeling future growth opportunities for my firm."

As Logan reflects on his journey at LVC, he appreciates his education not only for providing him with a stable future, but also for teaching life lessons along the way.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Marvel Cinematic Universe delves into darker themes in second phase

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Warning: This article may contain spoilers for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. If you are not caught up in the films, please refrain from reading this article.

With an intense continuity presented by and increased in each additional film, the Marvel Cinematic Universe has proven to be one of the most groundbreaking film series in history. Five films came before 2012's blockbuster hit *The Avengers*, and after the success of that movie, the MCU continued the series with what is commonly called Phase 2. A total of four films are planned for release

between the first *Avengers* and its sequel, 2015's *The Avengers: Age of Ultron* — *Iron Man 3*, *Thor: The Dark World*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

Iron Man 3 proved to be an incredibly personal film after the world-changing implications provided in *The Avengers*. Tony Stark (Robert Downey, Jr.) suffers from Post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of his near-death experience in the previous film. *Iron Man 3* provided a look at the personal consequences on the Avengers themselves, and shows the hints of a brand new world. It also provided some of closure of storylines that have existed since

Iron Man was first released in theaters.

Thor: The Dark World, the MCU's second movie to be released after *The Avengers*, promises to touch on more serious issues, such as the consequences of Loki's actions in *The Avengers*. Interviews have promised the deaths of several characters in the film, along with a deeper, darker look into the mythology surrounding the MCU. *The Dark World* will be released on November 8 in North America.

The trailer for the highly-anticipated *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* was released on the Internet in October. What has promised to become a political thriller was proven true by the trailer

alone. The *Winter Soldier* promises to explore the effects the Battle of New York had on S.H.I.E.L.D. itself, and S.H.I.E.L.D.'s plans to adapt to a world where its members are the only shield against danger. The *Winter Soldier* also promises to be a film going deep into a world where shades of gray rule.

Some believe that the darkening in theme and tone is unnecessary; however, Phase 2 *needs* to be darker than the films that led up to *The Avengers*. The first films in the series introduced characters that lived in a world in which the public is unaware of the dangers that exist in their world. That masquerade began to fall apart in *Thor*, and was further demolished by the events

in *The Avengers*. It's a new world for the MCU after *The Avengers*, and these new films depict this new world in a way that is both realistic and entertaining.

The MCU is one of my favorite film series of all time. Seeing these characters grow through different challenges and films has been and still is an incredible experience. Just because the series is growing darker in tone does not mean that the quality is going down. Rather, the creators are going for new themes and trends in the work, which provide even more opportunities for fan-favorite characters and plots.

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Nanowrimo encourages writers to complete a novel in a month

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Sometimes every writer needs a little push to get the creative juices flowing and start working on the stories that they've always wanted to write. To provide that extra push, the Office of Letters and Light, a non-profit organization, hosts National Novel Writing Month, or Nanowrimo, an online and real-world event held every November that encourages participants to write 50,000 words or more of a novel between November 1 and November 30.

Depending on the circumstances of each participant's life and the daily routines, obligations, and other interests that each participant has, it can seem rather daunting to try to write a novel, especially one that has a coherent and consistent

plot, believable characters, strong themes, and great value as literary art. But the goal of Nanowrimo is not to have participants to produce a flawless final draft, but rather to stop simply thinking about writing and actually write a first draft of a novel, no matter how messy the resulting product turns out to be.

"Novel writing is mostly a 'one day' event. As in, 'One day, I'd like to write a novel,'" the staff of the Office of Letters and Light writes in the Nanowrimo Knowledge Base. "Here's the truth: 99% of us, if left to our own devices, would never make the time to write a novel. It's just so far outside our normal lives that it constantly slips down to the bottom of our to-do lists. The structure of Nanowrimo forces you to put away all those self-defeating worries and to START."

Chris Baty founded Nanowrimo in 1999 in order to give writers

"the high commitment and low expectations that turn out to be a godsend when you're writing the first draft of a novel," according to a 2012 interview with novelist Chuck Wendig.

In order to "win" Nanowrimo and write a workable first draft, Baty said in a 2003 interview with freelance writer Elizabeth Bartlett, participants should have their inner critics "completely locked up somewhere. Basically, you need to accept that things will be bad." Once Nanowrimo is over, Baty said, participants can reclaim their editors, because by then they should have a completed first draft that is much easier to edit than an incomplete one.

If writers participating in Nanowrimo still need help reaching their word count goals, the Nanowrimo website offers plenty of resources to help them throughout the month. For example, participants

can read pep talks by famous novelists such as James Patterson and Patrick Rothfuss. Participants can also discuss writing tips, plot ideas, characterization, themes, fiction genres, or just the challenges and benefits of participating in Nanowrimo in the site's forums.

Besides the accomplishment of having written the first draft of a novel in a month, Nanowrimo participants are also eligible for awards if they reach the event's goal of 50,000 words or more by the end of November. After validating their novel's word count on nanowrimo.org, participants are given a unique promo code that they can use to publish and receive two free copies of their finished novel from CreateSpace, an independent publisher that sponsors Nanowrimo. Participants are also given a purple word count bar that says "Winner!" on their profile, as well as many other

benefits of "winning" Nanowrimo.

Nanowrimo began last Friday, and this year's 277,090 participants around the world have already written millions of words in fiction. But there's still plenty of time to participate in, "win," and enjoy the benefits of Nanowrimo. To sign up for Nanowrimo, go to nanowrimo.org and click "Sign Up." Once you create your account, you'll be able to create a page for your novel, including its title, a brief synopsis, and an excerpt, become writing buddies with other Nanowrimo participants, and keep track of your word count during the month.

As the Nanowrimo website says, "The world needs your novel." Nanowrimo provides the time and resources you need to get the novel-writing process moving.

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PERSPECTIVES

He Said/She Said

Turn-offs and turn-ons in potential partners

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Do women and men think differently on a range of subjects? That's what we'll be exploring in our weekly "He Said, She Said" column.

The column is designed to delve into the thinking of the LVC male and female. From freshmen to faculty, we will be asking weekly questions to determine if the sexes are also different in other ways.

It is up to you to decide at the end of each weekly installment if men and women are two different creatures. Your thoughts and questions are welcomed. Just email us at beb001@lvc.edu and mah009@lvc.edu.

This week's question: "What is your biggest turn off and turn on in a potential partner?"

What is it that attracts us to another person? When you like someone, are you drawn first to the physical or nonphysical characteristics of that person?

Asking 20 students at random

created impromptu and honest answers regarding turn offs and turn ons in potential partners.

Before going out and surveying the campus, we assumed that men would tend to talk more about

physical attributes of potential partners, whereas women would mention more of the non-physical qualities of potential partners.

Our random interviews revealed a surprising split in both sexes' responses.

TURN OFFS:

It should first be noted that upon being asked the question of the week, almost everyone focused on the negative first and talked about what turns them off in another person.

A few students listed physical qualities such as "bad breath,"

"body odor," and even "smoking" as turn offs.

"A turn off would be annoyingness or an annoying tone of voice," says Matt Baczewski '14.

"Being clean is important,"

says Hanan Khalil '14. "I don't like it if he's scruffy or grungy."

But most students tended to focus on their potential partner's personality traits.

"Someone who isn't motivated or has nothing going for them, a 'scrub,' is someone that I wouldn't be interested in," says Emily Franke '16.

"Arrogance or self-absorption would be a turn off for me," says Doug Lapp '15.

TURN ONS:

Half the men and women we interviewed said they were attracted to personality traits. Some people

mentioned physical qualities like "nice smile," "nice facial features," "athleticism," and "long hair" but some people tended to look beyond the surface.

"I like someone who is intelligent and is successful," says Jason Dietz '15.

"Someone with a good taste in music," says Erica Kozlowski '14. "It lets me know what that person is like."

"I want someone who will put me in my place but won't control me," says Jeffrey Dickens '15. "I am strong willed, so I need someone who is, too."

THE CONCLUSION:

Gender did not turn out to be a ruler in determining people's answers this week. Both men and women were divided when it came to physical and nonphysical attributes.

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Editorial: Should guns be allowed on campus?

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In this week's edition of *La Vie*, Melissa Pavone '14 and Isaiah Luck '14 have published an insightful set of articles about LVC's gun policy, student, faculty, and administration opinions on having guns on campus, and the gun policies of other colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

The *La Vie* staff will now state our position on whether LVC should permit students, faculty, and staff to carry firearms on campus.

We at *La Vie Collegienne* believe that any U.S. citizen 18 years or older has the constitutional right to own and carry guns, as long as they go through the proper channels and training for doing so. We have no intention of infringing on the

rights of people who legally own guns at home and use them for legal purposes, such as hunting.

That being said, we do not believe that LVC students, faculty, and staff should be permitted to carry guns on campus.

LVC really has no need for guns on campus. Public Safety does not need guns to defend our campus because they rarely encounter situations more dangerous than drunken students and non-students causing trouble, and those kinds of situations can be resolved without using guns.

Even if a situation where firearms were used or needed, the Annville Police are stationed only a few blocks away from campus and would arrive shortly after the campus siren was sounded for an emergency.

We also believe that allowing students, faculty, and staff to have guns on campus would cause unnecessary risk and make the campus less safe. LVC's campus is a

very public place, and there is always the risk that someone could accidentally or intentionally use a gun to harm or kill other people.

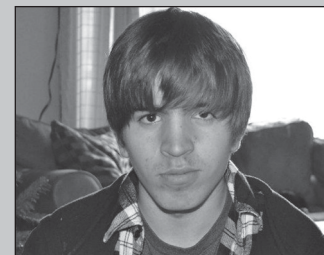
Furthermore, we at *La Vie* think it is extremely important that students be taught what safety measures to take in case a shooter were to ever appear on campus because although we are a private college, we are not isolated from the world and need to be prepared for any situation.

Overall, the *La Vie* staff believes that guns should not be allowed on campus, but that it is ultimately the College's decision to manage and uphold its own gun policy as it deems necessary.

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Wednesday, 11/6

Field Hockey
at Elizabethtown College
3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
vs Messiah College
7 p.m.

Friday, 11/8

Swimming
at Cabrini College
6 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
vs West Chester University
7 p.m.

Saturday, 11/9

Football
vs Stevenson University
1 p.m.

For more schedules, visit
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

AMANDA DOUGLASS
WOMEN'S SOCCER



Douglass earned the MAC Player of the Week honor this week, for her game-winner in the team's Senior Day win over Arcadia. Just 40 seconds into OT, Douglass slipped the ball behind the goalkeeper.

MEGAN HARRIS
FIELD HOCKEY



In order for the team to win their first CC tournament game on Monday, it was essential to beat Elizabethtown. Harris scored the team's lone goal to make that all possible, in the 10th minute of the game.

A Sports Column: The BCS Controversy

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The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has many flaws, but it creates controversy that keeps fans entertained and interested in college football.

The BCS System has been around since 1998 and this is its last year. It will be replaced by a new system in which a committee will select four teams to play in a playoff system for the national championship.

The first BCS poll came out on October 20th and there is already controversy with people arguing over where certain teams should be ranked and who is being overrated. The first poll came out with the Florida State Seminoles shockingly being ranked second over the Oregon Ducks.

Oregon is ranked second over Florida State in both the Coaches' and Harris Polls but because of the combined computer rankings which makes up a third of the BCS Poll being factored in, Florida State ends up being rated higher than Oregon in the BCS Poll.

The BCS poll is a combination of the Coaches', Harris, and Computer Polls. The combination of these three ranking systems create the BCS System that determines the

BCS Bowls and the BCS national championship game.

The BCS system has lasted for so long because it generates a ton of revenue for the big conferences in the Big Ten, Pacific-12, Atlantic Coast (ACC), Southeastern (SEC), American Athletic (formerly known as the Big East), and the Big 12. These conferences like the system because they make so much for money compared to smaller conferences like the Mountain West and these big conferences don't care that people don't like the system as long as they are making a great profit off it.

Every season there seems to be at least a few controversies going on with the BCS System as the season goes on with who is going to make the national championship game and who is going to be left out. No matter what two teams make it, there is going to be people who are outraged by the results and complain on why another team should have made it in.

There have been instances where teams have made the national championship game and they didn't even win their own conferences like the 2001 Nebraska Cornhuskers, 2003 Oklahoma Sooners, and most recently the 2011 Alabama Crimson Tide. This Alabama team didn't even play in their conference



championship game and lost to the other participant in the national championship game, Louisiana State Tigers (LSU), earlier in the regular season and got another chance to play them which Alabama ended up winning to claim the title.

Some people would say these controversies damage the sport but I would say that they ultimately help the sport. These controversies keep people talking and gives television outlets like ESPN something to report on and argue about to bring up viewership and getting people talking amongst themselves bringing even more attention to college football.

ESPN network has been making more and more shows with people arguing topics going on in sports like First Take, Pardon the

Interruption, Around the Horn, and Numbers Never Lie. These shows entertain people and are the most talked about shows on the ESPN networks.

The new playoff system being introduced next year could end up being the fairest way to decide the four teams to contend for the national championship, but I don't think it will keep people's interest throughout the season quite like the BCS system does right now. In a case like this, the right and fairest thing to do might end up being the wrong thing to do for the sport.

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Quarterfinal Comeback for Field Hockey

DAN CALLAHAN '14
SPORTS EDITOR

Winning games for the field hockey team lately have come close.

In the Commonwealth Conference Quarterfinals on Monday, the fourth-seeded team took on the fifth-seeded Stevenson Mustangs, and came back to win, 3-2, after trailing 2-1 throughout the game.

Melissa Brosious '14 and Megan Arnst '17 scored the late goals, both in the last four minutes of the game, to help lead the team offensively.

Chloe Baro, who is the CC Defensive Player of the Week for her regular season finale performance against Elizabethtown, had nine saves in

the win. She had a spectacular diving save in the 49th to save a goal as well.

Junior Lauren Brumbach put the Valley on the scoreboard at the 7:44 mark, off a Brosious corner. Stevenson responded quickly, and took a 2-1 lead after a number of penalty corners. LVC took a timeout, and gained back much needed momentum, that Stevenson had been controlling through the entire second half.

Shots finished evenly between both teams at 16, and Megan Harris '14 led LVC with four of her own.

With the win, the women will take on top-seeded Elizabethtown in the CC Semis at 3 p.m. Wednesday, the same team who they beat 1-0 last week.

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CONFERENCE PLAYOFF PUSH Brosious had a goal and assist vs. Stevenson.

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Murphy Honors Father Every Snap



KYLE WENGER '14
MORGAN HELLER '15

"J.W.M." is what quarterback Brian Murphy '15 from Schuylkill Haven writes on his wrist before every game. He does this to honor someone who he loves and misses every day - his father, Jack Murphy.

Tragedy struck Murphy's family on the afternoon of May

15, 2012. His father went on a sailing trip and never returned. There was a boating accident during the trip. Murphy was at his friend's house when he got a phone call from his brother telling him to get home right away. Murphy shrugged it off and stayed at his friend's a little while longer until he received a call for the second time. This

time his brother was in tears. Murphy rushed home right away.

"He didn't beat around the bush. He just came right out and said 'Dad died,'" said Murphy. When he heard this news he became speechless, shocked and didn't even know what to think about the situation. He just went and spent some time alone. He thought about the night of the 12th, the last night when they saw each other where they ate wings and hung out, as well as what he would have said and done if he had known he would not see his dad again.

"My dad was 64 years old. He was recently retired for two years from being a landscaper, and then he was working as chaplain every Sunday, visiting hospice and other people, just talking to them," Murphy said. "He was worried about other people's happiness than his own. He did anything to make anybody else's day happier." Knowing how great of a person his father was and the memories they shared, Murphy could not



A MEMORIAL TO HIS FATHER Brian Murphy '15 writes "J.W.M." on his wrist before every football game to honor his father.

have been happier to spend 19 years of his life with him.

After coping with his loss the rest of the summer, it was time for Murphy to return to campus to begin football preseason. This transition back into football was easy for Murphy as his family, friends and coaches were all supportive during this hard time.

"My team really had my back on it and really helped me through it," said Murphy. "That's why I go out there with

110 percent because I owe it to them since they helped me through this tough time."

Through the toughest of times, Brian Murphy thinks of his father and all the lessons he had taught them. His leadership ability has led his team to a 5-1 record this year. They are currently in first place in the conference. No matter the result of the season, he knows he has made his dad proud.

K. WENGER, M. HELLER

In Dramatic Overtime Thriller, Football Beats Del Val 34-31

Now 7-1, LVC plays Stevenson on Saturday with first-ever top 25 ranking

DAN CALLAHAN '14
SPORTS EDITOR

Two words: ring chasing.

The LVC football team took to the road on Saturday, and headed to Doylestown for a MAC showdown with the Aggies, a huge game for the once-beaten Dutchmen.

The result, a 34-31 OT win, the 100th win for head coach Jim Monos, and the sole first-place position atop the MAC standings.

Sean Fakeete '14 was the deciding factor in overtime, as he nailed the game winning field goal from 26-yards out. With that game winning field goal, it sealed the comeback victory for the Valley, who trailed 24-7 at one point.

Head coach Jim Monos wanted this win for his team, not his 100th win, the first coach to do so in program history.

"To do it here, down 24-7, this football team just doesn't blink," said Monos in a post-game interview with

GoDutchmen.com. "This win is about this football team and the road we're on. I'm really proud of them."

After trailing 24-7 at halftime, the Dutchmen came out in the second half with a monstrous comeback riding on their backs. Scoring 24 unanswered points led the team into OT, which led to Fakeete's game-winner.

Austin Hartman '17 and Brandon Irving '16 scored rushing touchdowns for the Dutchmen, Hartman from 2-yards away and Irving with

a big 40-yard score. Junior quarterback Brian Murphy also tossed a 16-yard TD pass to Tyler George in the fourth.

The game came down to a mere 0.1 seconds, which was just enough for Del Val to score a final touchdown as time expired, to tie the game at 31 each.

Following three incompletions on the Aggies first OT possession, Irving and Murphy provided two tough runs to get the Valley close enough for Fakeete to put one

through the uprights.

"I've been waiting awhile to help the team win a game, today was my day I guess," said Fakeete after the big win with GoDutchmen.com. "It was a great team win."

With the big victory, LVC earned their first-ever top 25 ranking, and putting the #25 next to their name is a great feeling heading into the final two regular season games. They control their own destiny.

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